

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A device (10) for adjusting the angle of a component (2) ~~that can be rotated about a rotational axis (20), especially an arm rest, in particular fastened to a seat (4) and in particular to or in a vehicle, the device (10) having, comprising:~~ a first locking tooth (131) ~~and~~; a rocking lever (140), the rocking lever (140) being able to be set in a stable locking position and in a stable release position, ~~characterized in that the device (10) has a third control element (123) acting on the spring (145) at least in one angular position of the component (2); and a control element acting on a spring in at least one angular position of the component.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The device (10) as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the device (10) for setting the locking position and the release position of the rocking lever (140) has wherein the spring (145), in particular a snap-action spring (145) which can be set into two stable positions for setting the locking position and the release position of the rocking lever.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The device (10) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the device (10) has claim 1, further comprising:~~ a control device (120), the control device (120) bringing about a direction-of-rotation-dependent lockability of the component (2) as a function of the angular position of the component (2).

4. (Currently Amended) The device (10) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the first locking tooth (131) is an internal tooth and the rocking lever (140) has a second locking tooth (141) forming an external tooth.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The device (10) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the first locking tooth (131) is a peripheral internal tooth, and in that the control device (120), is externally toothed and (125), is arranged such that it interacts with the first locking tooth (131).~~

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the component is an armrest. A component (2), in particular arm rest, characterized in that the component (2) is assigned to a device (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, or the component (2) comprises a device (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the component is an armrest for a vehicle seat. A seat (4), in particular vehicle seat, characterized in that the seat (4) comprises a device (10) as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7.

8. (New) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the spring is a snap-action spring.

9. (New) A locking mechanism for an armrest, comprising:  
a first component having a plurality of external teeth, the first component being configured to rotate through a range of rotation relative to a second component having a set of internal teeth; and  
a spring mounted on the first component and configured to selectively bias the external teeth toward the internal teeth;  
wherein the first component is releasably lockable in at least two positions wherein the external teeth at least partially engage the internal teeth; and  
wherein the first component is freely rotatable through at least a portion of the range of rotation.

10. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the first component further comprises:

a rocking lever rotatably coupled to a rotational element, wherein the external teeth are located on the rocking lever, and the spring selectively biases the external teeth via the rocking lever.

11. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 9, further comprising a control device, the control device limiting the range of rotation of the first component.

12. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the control device is fixed relative to the second component.

13. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the control device prevents engagement of the internal teeth and the external teeth through at least a portion of the range of rotation such that the first component may rotate freely with respect to the second component.

14. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the control device includes a first surface and a recess, the range of rotation of the first component being defined by the angular displacement of the first surface from the recess.

15. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 14, wherein the recess includes a spring member to releasably lock the first component.

16. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the spring is a snap-action spring.

17. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the spring has at least a first stable position and a second stable position, and wherein the spring is moved from the first stable position to the second stable position by engaging a projection on the control device.

18. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 17, wherein the spring biases the external teeth toward the internal teeth when the spring is in the second position.

19. (New) An adjustable vehicle seat, comprising:
  - an armrest rotatably coupled to a seat portion;
  - means for constraining the range of rotation of the armrest with respect to the seat portion between a first position and a third position;
  - means for releasably locking the armrest at a plurality of positions between the first position and a second position, the second position being located at an intermediate position in the range of rotation between the first position and the second position; and
  - means for freely rotating the armrest from the second position to the third position.
20. (New) The adjustable vehicle seat of claim 19, further comprising:
  - means for releasably locking the armrest in the third position.